Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 33

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.R. No. 33 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 24 AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE IN RECOGNITION AND COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to declare April 24 as a day of remembrance in recognition and commemoration of the Armenian genocide of 1915.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from ten individuals.

Your Committee finds that during the chaos of World War I between the years 1915 and 1923, approximately 1,500,000 Armenian men, women, and children living within the Ottoman Empire's borders were killed in a brutal genocide. Hundreds of thousands of Armenians were forced to flee to foreign countries after being stripped of their possessions, national identities, and homeland. This is documented as the first instance of genocide in the twentieth century. This measure reflects H.R. No. 192, H.D. 1 (Regular Session of 2009), which declared April 24 as a day of remembrance of those who perished in the Armenian genocide of 1915 to ensure that this inhumanity is never forgotten or repeated.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 33

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and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Higher Education and the Arts.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)		/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)					,
ESPERO, Will		/			
GABBARD, Mike					
IHARA, Jr., Les		/			
THIELEN, Laura H.		1			
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